

In the
Indiana Supreme Court



IN THE MATTER OF)
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THE APPOINTMENT OF)
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JAMES KLEOPFER AS SENIOR JUDGE)
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IN THE JENNINGS SUPERIOR COURT)

Case No. 40S00-⁰¹¹-MS-543

ORDER APPOINTING SENIOR JUDGE

The presiding judge of the Jennings Superior Court, the Hon. James Funke, Jr., has requested the appointment of Senior Judge James Kleopfer for service in that court for 2007, pursuant to Ind. Code §33-23-3-1.

This Court adopted revisions to Administrative Rule 5 on December 3, 2003, which made certain changes to the senior judge program in recognition of the importance of senior judges to the administration of justice in Indiana trial courts. Accordingly, we find that the Judge Funke has demonstrated the need for additional judicial resources. We find further that Judge Funke would benefit from the appointment of a senior judge to his court. Senior Judge James Kleopfer has been certified as a senior judge by the Judicial Nominating Commission for the calendar year 2007 pursuant to Ind. Code §33-27-4-1. This Court may re-examine the appointment made herein at a later date in light of weighted caseload statistics and other circumstances, and make adjustments accordingly.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that Senior Judge James Kleopfer is appointed to serve in the Jennings Superior Court at the discretion of the presiding judge, retroactive to **August 1, 2007**. This appointment shall remain in effect until **December 31, 2007**. Judge Funke shall utilize Judge Kleopfer and other senior judges for no more than the total number of senior judge days allocated to the trial court, and it shall be incumbent upon Judge Funke to ensure that the total number of allocated days is not exceeded. Pursuant to Ind. Code §33-23-3-5, the senior judge appointed by this Court in this Order may not be compensated as senior judge for more than one hundred (100) days in the aggregate during the 2007 calendar year.

The Clerk of this Court is directed to forward a certified copy of this order to the Honorable James Funke, Jr., Jennings Superior Court, P.O. Box 490, Vernon, IN 47282-0490; to the Honorable James Kleopfer; to the Clerk of the Jennings Circuit Court for entry in the Record

of Judgments and Orders; to the Indiana Judicial Center; to the Judicial Qualifications Commission; and to the Division of State Court Administration, Payroll Section.

DONE at Indianapolis, Indiana this 19th day of ~~October~~^{Nov-}, 2007.

R. T. Shepard

Randall T. Shepard
Chief Justice of Indiana